

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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### VOCATION PRAYER

Lord give me the gift of a generous heart to follow your will as I journey the path of life. You set before me the vocation of priesthood, religious life, single life and marriage. Grant me the grace and generosity I need to answer your call. Amen.

### THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER CELEBRATION HOLY WEEK

My Dear People,

The first Gospel for the season of Lent opens with these words: "Filled with the Holy Spirit Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days". These words are a powerful reminder that Lent is a journey in which the Spirit guides us and we are asked to be open to the promptings of the Spirit. The purpose of this Lenten journey is to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the life-giving events of Holy Week.

The last Gospel for the season of Lent ends with these words: "The Jewish Passover drew near, and many of the people who had gone up to Jerusalem to purify themselves looked out for Jesus, saying to one another as they stood about in the Temple, 'What do you think? Will he come to the festival or not?'" One thing will be certain - Jesus will be there. What about you?

Holy Week isn't like an anniversary or re-enactment. In the liturgy the once and for all Saving events of our redemption and especially the death and resurrection of Jesus are celebrated and in the power of the Spirit are made present in every time and place. But, we ourselves have to be open to this.

The 'Great Week' begins with PALM SUNDAY. Jesus comes in humility, on a donkey- and so the procession with palms followed by the reading of the Passion.

On Wednesday evening we have the MASS OF CHRISM in the Cathedral. The presence of Jesus is now highlighted under the form of Oil to be blessed and used for the sacraments in the coming year. On this day the Lord ordained His first priests and so, at this service, all the clergy renew their commitment. It is a most moving ceremony and I warmly invite you to join us.

HOLY THURSDAY begins the three days when Jesus journeys through suffering and death into the life of the Resurrection. We recall the institution and real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It is also an evening of prayer when we spend time in the presence of the Lord so that we may accompany him in his journey.

On GOOD FRIDAY Jesus appears as the 'suffering servant' portrayed by Isaiah. This liturgy is also a reminder that the Cross, although apparently an image of defeat, is actually a sign of victory - God's selfless love triumphs over human sin and selfishness.

The EASTER VIGIL is the high point and the very heart of our celebration. We celebrate Jesus risen and glorious. The liturgy begins with a festival centred around light, word, water and culminates in the celebration of the Eucharist. We renew our baptismal promises whereby we commit ourselves to 'pass over' from sin to a new life in Christ. The joy of Easter night has been heightened by the fact that over 300 people around the diocese will be baptised or received into full Communion. The joy of this most holy night flows into Easter Sunday - known as the 'Great Day' or the 'Great Easter'.

We commemorate all these events not merely that we might remember them, but by being present to the reality of Jesus' death and resurrection. He indeed will be at the Festival. What about you?

+ Thomas McMahon  
*Bishop of Brentwood*

### MISSION STATEMENT

To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.

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YEAR OF FAITH<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>

**MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

**HOLY WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY - PROCESSION OF THE LORD (C)**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 23	6.00 p.m.	Catherine Kelly RIP	B Dooley
Sunday 24	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Marge Sullivan RIP	Ann Smith
Monday 25	9.15 a.m.	Christine Harold RIP	J and S Parker
Tuesday 26	9.15 a.m.	Kathleen Ward Int	P Creavin
Wednesday 27	8.30 a.m.	Mary Maloucney RIP	

**Wednesday Evening MASS OF CHRISM Brentwood Cathedral**

In the Mass of Chrism, all Diocesan Priests celebrate with the Bishop, and in which the Holy Oils are blessed and Chrism consecrated, and is manifested in the unity of the Priests with their Bishop.

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

Holy Thursday 28	8.00 p.m.	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 29	9.30 a.m.	Walk of Witness
	3.00 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
	7.30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 30	8.00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Pascal Vigil and First Mass of Easter

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Easter Sunday 31	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Somers RIP

**PLEASE DO COME TO THESE VERY IMPORTANT SERVICES ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY EVENING. THEY ARE ALL BEAUTIFUL SERVICES CELEBRATING THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST, THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS REURRECTION. TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, A VERY HAPPY EASTER.**

**SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT**

25 MARCH 7.30 P.M. CATHEDRAL, BRENTWOOD

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

<b>6.00 P.M.</b>	<b>8.30 A.M.</b>	<b>10.30 A.M.</b>
Bill O'Regan	Carol Giles	Jen Grimes
Gaye O'Regan	Michael Wild	Tony Grimes
Ann Howarth	Margaret Bailey	Willa Jackson

**READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Marian Anderson	Carol Giles	Jessica Barber
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**WELCOMERS THIS WEEKEND**

Tim Murphy  
P. Boyer

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Cathy  
Mary

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN OUR PARISH**

Nicholas Sharkey, Daniella DiLisio (aged 16), Paul Denton, Don Whittle, Simone Austin. Anita Czupeynski, Mick O'Dowd. Bernard Gordon, Annie Baker, Jacqueline Birnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Diane Griffiths, Mary Dillane, Vince Vitali, Mary Boyer and Mano Subryan. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



**ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially; Edwin Costin, Catherine Streetin, Hilda Calibritto, Eileen Westall, Elizabeth Nash and Sharon McKenna.

Priests of our Diocese Fr. John Sherlock (1964), and Mgr Canon Gilbey (1998). For these and all the faithful departed by the Mercy of God, May they Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and Grace.

**RED BOX HOLDERS**

The Spring edition of "Mission Today" is available for you to collect from the table in the Narthex.

**COACH HOLIDAY**

Coach holiday available from Monday 2 September 2013 for 5 days. Staying at the Queens Hotel, Paignton, Devon. Full details from 01277 655424

**CHURCHES TOGETHER - EASTER LEAFLETS**

Dear All The leaflets are available in the Narthex. Thank you in advance. Please avoid houses advertising unfriendly dogs! Thanks again. God bless.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors. We hope you enjoy our Sunday Mass. If you do not already Gift-Aid your Sunday offering, please take a Gift Aid form and envelope from the Narthex. Coffee and tea are served in the

parish Hall after 8.30 and 10.30 Masses.

Today at all Masses palms and will be blessed. In the year of faith decreed by Pope Benedict, our Holy Father had in mind the hope that each of us would embark on a journey of renewal, refreshment and rediscovery and come to know the joy of a personal encounter with the living Lord. This coming week gives us a wonderful opportunity to personally enter into the mystery of our salvation by following Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem through his Passion and death to his resurrection.

When we hear the story of the Passion or read it at home, ask the spirit to help you rejoice and glory in the events that are unfolding. There is no doubt the events surrounding Jesus' death are brutal. For from wanting to rejoice or glory in the cross, we are often drawn to tears of sorrow. The spirit leads us to see the cross as the sign of life.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, the cross of Jesus is made real and present to us. Each one of us is called also to make the cross by entering into the mystery more deeply in our lives. Today the palms that we receive should be a reminder to us not of our failures and sins, but of Christ's great victory over sin and death, and his rule over our hearts for ever.

Thank you, God Bless, and have a great week.

*Fr Leslie*

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD**

INVITE YOU TO JOIN YOUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK OF WITNESS, ON GOOD FRIDAY at 9.10 a.m. from Hutton and Shenfield





Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, to Shenfield Library. There will be a short service in front of the library at 9.30, followed by Hot Cross Buns at the Union Church. DO JOIN US IF YOU CAN

*Celebrating the presence of God in the family*



**POPE ON TWITTER**

 Dear friends, I thank you from my heart and I ask you to continue to pray for me.   
**Pope Francis.**

**FINANCE MATTERS**

Week ending 16/17 March you gave £377.50 of which £54.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you and God Bless.



**FLK**

We must be willing to keep watch with him one hour.



**SPEED GOLF**

Calling all golfers in the Parish. Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society is holding a Speed Golf Challenge on 7 July at Crondon Park Golf Club. The event will start at 4.00 p.m., and will be followed by a BBQ. Wouldnt it be great if the Parish could muster a team of 15 golfers! All abilities can participate. This is the most fun you will ever have a golf course. Watch this space for full details of how you can enter. Open to individuals and families.



**CEILI AT ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA**

There will be a Ceili at St. John Payne School PTA on Saturday 27th April 2013. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., and dancing starts at 8.00 p.m. until 11.00 p.m. At Upper Hall, St. John Payne school, Patching Hall Lane, CMI 4BS. Price: 6 adults, 3 children. To purchase tickets contact: Elaine Finn Davies on 07837 773 886 or Rose Keely on 07570 131 365.

**BRENTWOOD DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL – AN UPDATE**

A meeting was held on 12 February when details for our annual Deanery Mass, to be celebrated on 21 June, were finalised. This year St Joseph's are the hosts and all are welcome. There will be refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Marriage preparation was discussed fully by the Priests at their Deanery meeting. The Parishes within the Deanery reported on all their various activities held since our previous meeting.

As part of the Year of Faith, Brentwood Deanery will be hosting the Question of Faith team on 8 October. Again, the venue will be St Joseph's. More details will be posted nearer the time but all are welcome to attend and it will be an opportunity to ask the experts question on aspects of our faith.

Our next meeting is 14 May, in the Upper Room at Brentwood Cathedral. If you would like to observe or there are any issues you would like discussed, please speak to Margaret Bailey or Mary Allum.

**LUCY CALIBRITTO**

Lucy Calibritto is most grateful to all her friends and fellow parishioners who prayed for her and sent her get-well messages during the time she was unwell. Lucy is now back at home and is feeling much better.

**RETIRING COLLECTION.**

The retiring collection today is for flowers for Easter.

**Joke Corner**

Me and the wife have invented a collision avoidance system for our car. I'm calling it the iDrive!

*This week's joke provided by Tom Aylett*



**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

*Dear Jesus, today you are treated badly by many people. You are betrayed by your friends and killed by your enemies. I promise to always be good to others and to forgive those who treat me badly, just like you forgave those people who hurt you today.  
Amen.*

**REMINDERS**



- Coffee and tea will be served after 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Masses
- Please prepare for the Mass quietly
- If you are a new parishioner, pick up a census form at the back of the church
- Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church porch for your collection for standing order forms
- 200 Club entry forms are also available



**TALKS FOR YEAR OF FAITH**

There are a number of these during this most important year. All the talks take place in the Conference Hall at Cathedral House from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.

8 June "Vatican II and the Church" by Rev. Dr. Peter Phillips

12 October "Vatican II and Beyond" by the Rt. Hon. John Battle

**DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY DAY THE HEALING MINISTRY CHURCH TODAY**

Saturday 23 March 2013 at The Cathedral Conference Centre, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. 10.00 per person and bring a packed lunch.

**ST. JOSEPH'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. We would very much appreciate some new members, why not call in for a chat, all ages welcome.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

13th May Bognor Regis

31st May Mary's House and lunch in Heybridge Basin

12th July Summer lunch at Michaels

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

If you are unable to come to a weekday mass, you may find this prayer helpful; "O Jesus I turn toward the holy Tabernacle where you live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come nevertheless and visit me with your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto your own. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Will be celebrated on Sunday 3 November when our Bishop makes a visitation to our parish. The following have asked to be confirmed; Charlie Neal, Andrew Martin, Joseph Gil, Rachel Strickland, Lily Thompson-Ayres, Simon Spinks, Kaitlyn Farimond, Louise Walker, Sophia Da Silva and Kevin Barber. If I have missed someone out or if anyone else would like to be confirmed please ask in writing to Father Leslie. Shortly a meeting will be arranged to introduce you to the programme, and meet the Catechists Sarah and James Barber, to whom I am very grateful



**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Could all those who have expressed interest in being Confirmed in the parish in November 2013 come to an initial meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Confirmation programme on Sunday 24 March at 6.00 p.m. in the parish hall. It is anticipated that this meeting will be over by 7.00 p.m., and parents are invited to stay with their son/daughter. It would be helpful if candidates were able to bring their baptismal certificates with them. If you have not yet let Fr. Leslie know that you are interested then please write with an expression of interest before the meeting (candidates must be in school year 10 or above in November 2013).

**PARISH REGISTER.**

Many, many thanks to Clare and Catherine who are taking on the enormous task of updating the parish register. A huge vote of thanks to them both for undertaking this crucial role which is clearly very important to the future of our parish. Once the register has been updated we will be in touch with all our parishioners asking them to complete a Census Form to ensure that the database is as good as it can be.



Thanks in advance for your help

**ABSEIL FOR CAFOD**

Abseil for CAFOD – on Sunday 5 May why not challenge yourself to abseiling 110ft down the Harlow Water Tower? This annual sponsored event is organised by the Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. You have to be over 16 and there is a £30 participation fee. Places limited. For more details contact the CAFOD Brentwood Office on 0208 502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or find us on facebook.

**ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOLS LENTEN SERVICE**

St John Payne Schools Lenten Service is a presentation of our Lords journey to the cross entitled: Born for This music by Rolinson, Boyce and Stanley. It will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30 p.m. in the Upper School Hall. Friends of the school are very welcome to attend this spiritual preparation for Easter.

**POPE FRANCIS I**

Congratulations to Pope Francis I on his election to be our Holy Father. A truly humble man who will be a great Pastor.



*Jesus is arrested and accused of telling lies about who he really is. But Jesus has been telling the truth, as he really is the Son of God. The authorities sentence him to death, and Jesus dies on a cross.*



### CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

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